

Seattle Police Email Community Announcement
April 28, 2011



Prescription Drug National Take Back Initiative
The 2nd National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, April 30, 2011
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Dear Community Friends;

The following information is from the Drug Enforcement Agency.

- Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse.
- Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.
- The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.
- The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends – and their home medicine cabinet.
- Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.
- Take back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs.

In an effort to address the problem of prescription drug abuse, DEA, in conjunction with state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, conducted the first ever National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, September 25, 2010. The purpose of this National Take Back Day was to provide a venue for persons who wanted to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. This effort was a huge success in removing potentially dangerous prescription drugs, particularly controlled substances, from our nation's medicine cabinets. There were approximately 3,000 state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the nation that participated in the event. All told, the American Public turned in more than 121 tons of pills on this first National Take Back Day.

Due to the overwhelming success of the first event, DEA has scheduled the second National Prescription Drug Take Back Day which will take place on **Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity for those who missed the first event or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of them.

If you have unused or expired prescription medication, you can turn them in at the following Seattle Police Department Precincts for safe disposal.

- **North Precinct**, 10049 College Way N, Seattle 98133
- **West Precinct**, 810 Virginia ST, Seattle, 98101
- **East Precinct**, 1519 12th Ave, Seattle, 98122
- **South Precinct**, 3001 S. Myrtle ST, Seattle, 98108
- **Southwest Precinct**, 2300 SW Webster ST, Seattle, 98106

Intravenous solutions, injectibles, syringes or medical waste will not be accepted

Drug turn-ins can also be done through the police departments and sheriff's offices of other local jurisdictions, to include the Port of Seattle Police Department, the Seattle Office of the DEA, and Kitsap and Snohomish County locations among others. To find a prescription drug collection site nearest you, please go to the following link: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

For more information on prescription drug abuse and the national take back Initiative, please check out the following websites:

www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html; www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com;
www.justthinktwice.com

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